

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
February 20, 2007**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Town Hall. President John Wilhelm called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with Councilperson Lou Roberts, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry King, and Attorney Stacey Whitten in attendance. John Wilhelm opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Lou Roberts moved that the minutes for January 16, 2007 be approved with corrections. John Wilhelm seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected. The corrections were under Clubhouse lower case for "rentALs" and "NEED" and under Water cross out "water" and replace with "engineering on Ridge Drive water upgrade."

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF January 31, 2007:

Porter Bank - Checking	\$ 264378.02
Horizon Bank 90 Day CD	\$ 56620.24
Chase Bank - Savings	\$ 133045.72
Record Balance	\$ 454043.98

Lou Roberts moved that the financial report be accepted as presented and filed for audit. John Wilhelm seconded, and the financial report was accepted unanimously.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Lou Roberts moved that the vouchers for February in the amount of \$14,475.80 be paid. John Wilhelm seconded and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Charles Chuman – Meeting with Irv Call 2/12/07 and referral to letters to Town Council
12/18/2006
John & Mary Ann Crayton – Bad Water
Anton Insurance – 50th Year in Business
Embridge Pipe Line – location of nearby pipelines
Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County 2005 Annual Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FIRE: Mark Hull

John Wilhelm read the "Dune Acres Report for 2006" from the Porter Volunteer Fire Department.

ROADS & ENGINEERING: Irv Call

Irv Call reported snow plowing has been done. He also requested that parking regulations be setup as soon as possible. He stated that he would like for us to store the sand and deicer in Dune Acres rather than off site. The Verizon easement has been approved for the new telephone equipment box near the town hall and the plat recorded with the County Recorder.

PARK: Kellie Klein

Cheryl Evans gave a report for Kellie Klein and said everything is going quite well. Kelly Klawson is building a garbage can that will keep the animals out.

CLUB HOUSE: Rick Demkovich

Rick came seeking policy clarification on party rentals. The council said Rick has full authority over rentals of the Clubhouse as the Clubhouse commissioner.

BUILDING:

John Sullivan reported that the work at the Hawksworth's property is almost finished. The Griffins are doing new terrace work. Plan Commission approved the final plans for new construction of a single family dwelling at 8 Aspen Lane which is owned by Scott and Carol Arthur.

MAINTENANCE: Mike Konopacki

Mike asked if we could hire someone to relocate our beavers. John Wilhelm said the Department of Natural Resources would need to be consulted. Mike also reported that the patio door at the Clubhouse has been repaired.

SECURITY:

Cecilia Call reported that she has purchased new cell phones for the Security personnel. She also reported that one car had been towed as it was blocking a resident's drive way. The phone at the Security Office does not always work.

ENVIRONMENT:

Cheryl Evans reported that nothing was happening now on the Pitcher Thistle Grant. There was a snow mobile at the East Beach Blowout.

PUMP HOUSE: Jeff Swoger

There will be a meeting Thursday to set guidelines.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Wilhelm apologized for not continuing with the Parking Permit Ordinance, but he had been working on it and lost the information in his computer.

John also reported that the Town of Dune Acres did not get the \$50,000 grant from Indiana Department of National Registry, division of historic preservation and archaeology, for the Clubhouse. We missed receiving the grant by 1.7 points. The Town Council has set aside \$50,000 for the Clubhouse renovation and he believes we can proceed with the project.

Lou Roberts moved that the council move forward with requesting bids for the renovation of the Clubhouse. John Wilhelm second. Passed unanimously. The bids will be on the drawings and each side separately.

John Wilhelm appointed a new Clubhouse Renovation Committee which consists of:

John Sullivan	Mary Ann Tittle
Rick Demkovich	David Rearick
Tom Roberts	John Wilhelm
Mike Konopacki	

The purpose of this committee is to oversee the bidding and the repairs of the Clubhouse. They will select a chairman (commissioner) who will report to the Town Council.

Lou Roberts is looking into getting an appraiser with historic experience to appraise the Clubhouse so we can have the proper amount of insurance on the building and to put on Capital Asset Books.

The Beacon Hill project: John Wilhelm said the comments have been cool and further study is needed.

Lou Roberts moved to approve Sherry King, Deputy Clerk Treasurer to attend the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Institute on Thursday, March 15, 2007. John Wilhelm second and the motion passed.

Clubhouse re-wiring project: John Sullivan, Building Commissioner, said he was uncomfortable with an unspecialized person doing the re-wiring. John Wilhelm said the proposal will be re-evaluated.

Verizon phone status: The contractor is ready to bore, just waiting for cable.

Mary Chuman reported that the phones were out from Tuesday through Monday. Although Monday's outage was a result of a downed wire. There is an alert to let them know when the phones are out. Verizon and Nipsco are suppose to meet this week to strategize on working together to bury the electric and telephone cables together as one project extending from the Security Office to the Town Hall.

Lou Roberts moved to approve the platted easement for Verizon cable installation. John Wilhelm second. Motion passed.

Lou Roberts moved to accept transfer of property, Lot 207, owned by Sharon Ransom as per Krull & Son descriptive plat. John Wilhelm second. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lou Roberts moved to grant a building permit for a new construction on the property owned by Scott Arthur at 8 Aspen Lane. John Wilhelm second and the motion passed unanimously.

Lou Roberts moved to renew the Town Insurance Policies for 1 year with Anton Insurance. John Wilhelm second and motion passed unanimously. Further research to be done concerning the question of insurance coverage of town volunteer workers.

There is to be notification sent out to Contractors of the 7 p.m. work curfew per code 10-1-1.

Lou Roberts moved to allow the Dune Acres Social Committee to use the clubhouse Saturday, March 17, 2007 for their Winter Party without being charged. John Wilhelm second and the motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Swoger gave a report on the Sign Committee and their progress. He presented three different types of signs to be considered. He plans having a complete presentation and pricing at the March 20th Town Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Mary Chuman read a prepared statement on the Icy Roads in the Town of Dune Acres.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

JOHN WILHELM, Town Council President

LOU ROBERTS, Town Council Member

BENJAMIN BOLTON, Town Council Member

Sherry King, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

